GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3548
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2015
Check on Brain-Drain
Girri Shri Maheish;Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of students go abroad for further studies/employment after undergoing undergraduate courses in many top colleges/universities in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
(c) the details of the students who come back after studies in such foreign institutions; and
(d) the efforts taken by the Government to stop brain-drain?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Some students from the country go abroad for various reasons including further studies/employment. There are students who come back after completing their education while others stay back after getting employment. In many cases, such persons, after working in a foreign country for a period of time, also return to India. Therefore, no authentic figures of students going out of the country can be reliably compiled.
(d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched the scheme of Faculty Recharge Programme wherein candidates are selected through global advertisements. Further, under the CV Raman Post-doctoral Fellowships Scheme the young faculty are attached to United States of America (USA) Universities to enable them to work with USA Scientists in their respective area of specialization.

To strengthen the infrastructure for quality teaching and research, UGC has introduced a number of schemes such as Special Assistance Programme (SAP), Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), Basic Scientific Research Programme (BSR), Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas (CPEPA), Major and Minor Research Projects (MRP), Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), Enhancing Faculty Resources of Universities etc.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has also launched a programme titled the 'Global Initiative of Academic Networks' (GIAN) in higher education aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with Indian higher educational institutions so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence. GIAN includes participation of foreign faculty, including those of Indian origin, as faculty to participate in delivering short or semester-long courses. 352 foreign faculty from 38 countries are participating in the programme.
****